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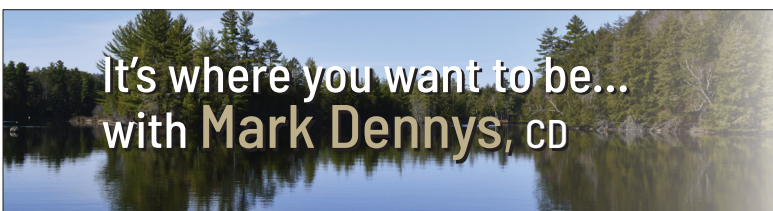
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A Glorious comedy

Florence Foster Jenkins, played by Rita Jackson, serenades her castmates from left, John Jackson, Evelyn Manley, Chris Chumbley, Ruth Carter, and Kate Butler on Monday, March 25. The Highlands Little Theatre production of "Glorious! The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the Worst Singer in the World," is on at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton from Wednesday, March 27 to Saturday, March 30. Tickets are on sale at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden. /JENN WATT Staff

Hydro One confirms death of employee

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Hydro One has confirmed that the young man who died in an accident near Coleman Lake Road in Haliburton County on March 21 was an employee of the utility.

According to the OPP, at approximately 10:25 a.m. on Thursday, police

received a call regarding the incident, and attended the site along with Haliburton County Paramedics. A 25-year-old man from Sydenham, Ont., was transported to hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

"It is with heavy hearts that we confirm that one of our employees passed away from injuries sustained on the job while doing forestry work in the Minden area," reads a statement from Hydro One.

"Three other employees were treated in hospital and were released."

No other details as to the nature of the accident were provided, and the Ministry of Labour is investigating.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss and, above all else, our thoughts and condolences are with the employee's family, friends and colleagues," the statement reads.

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Fed budget contains cash for rural broadband

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The federal budget, released last week, contains money for the expansion of rural, broadband internet.

The budget has \$1.7 billion allotted for internet infrastructure and satellite technology for under-served areas.

Though he's happy to see the funding, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale noted that, while a plan for further rural broadband expansion and improved cellular service in eastern Ontario has been in the works for a couple of years, the funding from the feds is only coming now, in an election year.

"Although I am pleased to see Budget 2019 will support the expansion of much-needed broadband networks in rural Canada, I'm frustrated that a commitment has only been made in an election year," Schmale said in a press release. "This, despite a plan for eastern Ontario being

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Haliburton's Morgan Burke honoured at Junior Citizen ceremony

Thirteen young people from across Ontario were honoured during a special ceremony at the TD Tower in Toronto on Monday, March 18, including Haliburton's Morgan Burke, 16.

Morgan received an Ontario Junior Citizen Award, given out annually by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, attended as congratulator-in-chief.

Member newspapers and corporate sponsor TD Bank Group supported this year's awards.



Haliburton's Morgan Burke holds her Ontario Junior Citizen Award while standing with Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Elizabeth Dowdeswell. Morgan received the honour for giving back to the community through her company, The Birds and the Bees. Last year, she organized a fundraising event for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.



Top from left, Gary Clement, director, government relations, TD Bank Group; Gordon Cameron, OCNA treasurer; Morgan Burke, 16, Haliburton; Jacob Taylor, 11, Metcalfe; Ray Stanton, OCNA president; Andrew Poirier, 14, York (Haldimand County); Guramrit Thandi, 16, Brampton; Zara Belanger-Pepper, 13, Chatham; Chyler Sewell, 16, Hamilton; Karanjot Bhatia, 14, Brampton. Middle from left, Nathan Hart, 9, Ajax; Mya Hart, 10, Ajax. Bottom from left, Vanessa Morris, 17, Chelmsford; Racheal Ou, 17, Scarborough; the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Iman Berry, 17, Windsor; Taylor Dallin, 16, Toronto. /Photo submitted by OCNA



A century of history

Area resident Archie Ross, a special guest of the Haliburton Bank of Montreal 100th anniversary party for the local branch speaks with Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts (out of view) on Friday, March 22 in Haliburton. Ross was gifted a cake by the bank in recognition of his 101st birthday, which was on Monday, March 18. He was invited by the branch to share in the festivities that included review of the branch's history; a large cake for those who attended; BMO posters from the 1950s and 1960s brought in by Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill; and dignitaries such as MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Getting a piece of \$30 billion

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Earlier this month, the provincial government announced a new \$30-billion infrastructure funding program, and Haliburton County officials are watching to see how they go about getting a piece of that funding.

County public works director Craig Douglas told councillors during a March 13 roads advisory committee meeting that he'd been looking into details, which were not yet available in great abundance.

"It's \$30 billion over 10 years, shared between all levels of government, broken into a number of streams," Douglas said.

According the province's website, "The funding falls under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, which will unlock up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial, and local investments in communities across the province over the next 10 years."

The first intake period of the program will be for rural and northern municipalities. It begins this week, and is open for eight weeks.

Douglas said it was unclear whether the program was replacing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Noting the initial intake period is not very long, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin wondered if next time the committee met (committees meet monthly), they might have some direction from Douglas as to what the county's priorities might be in terms of applications to the program.

"Absolutely," Douglas said.

"Because I think everybody's going to be scrambling," Devolin said, indicating he thought the first round might be undersubscribed, and adding he'd be comfortable taking out loans to cover the county portion of projects if the conditions were favourable.

"If it's a one-time windfall, from my perspective, I normally wouldn't debenture something like that, but I would certainly entertain it if the situation was right," he said. "This is a pot of money we might not see like this for another decade."

Details on EORN project not yet clear

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on the minister's desk for two years, forcing people in our area to wait needlessly without reliable internet and cellular service."

The mobile broadband expansion project by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network has an estimated price tag of \$213 million and will entail the construction of several new telecommunications towers throughout eastern Ontario. A number of areas within that part of the province, including large swaths of Haliburton County, remain without reliable, wireless internet connectivity.

Of that total cost, \$10 million is budgeted to come from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which owns EORN, along with the separated city governments within the area; \$71 million from the federal government; \$71 million from the provincial government; and \$61 million from the mobile provider companies themselves. While the provincial government committed to its \$71 million on the project under former premier Kathleen Wynne, funding that the Ford government has committed to continue, there has been no word on federal funding until now.

At press time, it was unclear whether the \$71 million that EORN is seeking from the federal government will come from the internet pot in this year's budget.

"We don't know that yet," Schmale told the *Echo*. "We're waiting for details."

The MP said in order for the project to proceed in the 2020 construction season, EORN would need to know soon whether it's receiving funding.

"If the government does not decide soon, then it goes to the next construction season," Schmale said. "I think the people of the county have been more than patient."

The government's goal is for every Canadian, regardless of where they live, to have reliable internet connectivity by 2030.

The budget contains a number of spending items aimed at improving the lives of middle-class Canadians, from a new home-buyers' incentive program to money for skills retraining, to increased coverage for drugs for rare diseases to a number of measures for seniors.

The Canadian Association of Retired Persons is pleased with the federal budget.

"CARP has been calling for significant changes to safeguard Canadians as we age. The government has lis-

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If the government does not decide soon, then it goes to the next construction season.

— MP Jamie Schmale

tened," said Laura Tamblyn Watts, CARP's chief public policy officer, in a press release. "CARP applauds the federal government for taking decisive action in reducing the GIS (guaranteed income supplement) clawback, increasing federal pension protections, supporting deferred annuities for seniors, a new EI caregiving benefit and housing supports for low income seniors."

Schmale too noted the budget contains positive measures for low-income seniors.

The federal government is also provided \$2.2 billion

from its gas tax money to municipalities for infrastructure projects, which will come in the form of one-time cash infusions.

"They get that one-time stream of funding and they can pretty much do what they want with it," Schmale said, adding that with the province providing a similar one-time funding grant to small and rural municipal governments, it should be a good year for municipal governments.

The budget contains \$41 billion in new spending and runs a deficit of \$19.8 billion. The four budgets of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government have all included deficits, with an average of about \$18 billion a year. Schmale called the scope of spending in the budget irresponsible.

"It's mostly services, so it means locked and permanent," he said of the spending, calling it unsustainable and saying it would mean service cuts down the road. "We continue to spend in good times . . . there are some reports saying the economy could start to slow down, we've racked up the credit card."

Schmale also noted Trudeau's broken promise to balance the federal budget in the last year of this term.

The Conservatives have said the big-spending budget is meant to distract Canadians from the ongoing SNC-Lavalin scandal.

Ministry of Labour investigating incident

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"During this grieving process, we will do everything we can to assist family and teammates by providing counselling and support. The safety of our employees is paramount and Hydro One will fully support the Ministry of Labour in its investigation into the incident. We would like to thank the first responders and our employees onsite for their brave efforts."

Sydenham is a small town located near Kingston, in the County of Frontenac.

OPP investigating death following snowmobile collision

In the early afternoon of March 23, officers of the Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a collision involving a motorized snow vehicle on E109 trail in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands, off of Highway 127.

Officers attended with Hastings Paramedic Services and were assisted by the Hastings Highlands Fire Department who located a 67-year-old man who was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The E109 trail was closed for approximately five hours during the investigation.

A technical collision investigator and a reconstructionist member of the OPP attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

The man has been identified as Gordon Scheffee, 67, of Dysart et al.

The cause of the collision is currently under investigation and a post mortem examination is scheduled for the start of the week.

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Protest for climate change action draws support, raises awareness

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

People showed their support for the climate change rally on Friday outside the Dysart township office by honking their horns and bringing hot chocolate to the participants of the student-led event.

High school student Jürgen Shantz, 16, led the protest that lasted most of the day and attracted about 40 people.

He has this message for the public: "It's kind of their responsibility to help out. You don't have to. You might not [help] and think it's not important. Years later down the line your children, your nephews – you might not have children – your grandchildren might ask you what the hell were those guys doing in [2019-2020]. They knew about this why didn't they stop it and you have to say, 'well, I knew and I didn't do anything.' You kind of have to live with that unless you don't show up," he said.

Some of the ideas he'd like to see include green programs for the town, the elimination of single-use water bottles at his high school, reducing plastic use and increasing solar panel installation on building for green energy.

Jürgen said he was motivated to protest because of Swedish teen activist Greta Thunberg.

Thunberg began her strike last August, standing outside the Swedish Parliament on Fridays instead of attending school to deliver her message to decision makers to act now to combat climate change.

There has been an estimated million climate strikers around the world, who have taken up Thunberg's fight. She has also



High school student Jürgen Shantz speaks with Dysart Councillor John Smith during the climate change strike outside the township office on Friday, March 22 in Haliburton. Shantz led the effort and was joined by close to 40 people, including members of Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County, area residents and home-schooled students with parents and guardians. The 16-year-old, who plans to return for three more weeks, was inspired by Swedish teen activist Greta Thunberg, who has advocated for action against climate change. /DARREN LUM Staff

been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. If she wins, she will be the youngest recipient ever.

Thunberg has spoken at climate rallies, the United Nations, the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland and been featured on TED talks.

Jürgen said he learned of Thunberg

with an online article, which led him to listen to her speak in a TED talk on YouTube.

"Near the end, she was talking to her grandchildren about doing the best she could. I want to do the same thing, being like, 'yeah, I tried my best guys.'"

As far as anyone questioning why he isn't in school, choosing instead to stand in front of the township office building, he says: "Do I really need to be in school if in 50 years down the line I have a cool job, but all my children [aren't] going to ... live in a place worth living? That's not worth it. I feel like this is more important than school at this point."

This was Jürgen's first attempt at organizing anything like this, he said. He was ready to stand alone, but was pleased by the large group that assembled with him.

He was joined by a few members of

the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County, area residents and a large group of home-schoolers and their parents and guardians.

The group was armed with placards of different sizes and colours, passion to raise awareness for climate change and a desire to act. They chanted, "honk for our environment."

Bonnie Roe of the Concerned Citizens, which is a group interested in advocating for the environment, social justice and youth engagement, said they had been interested in organizing a demonstration like this. However, they wanted to ensure it was student led and when they learned of Jürgen's idea of a protest, came to support.

MPP Laurie Scott, Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts and Councillor John Smith met with Jürgen at the township office. They offered support and credit to him for his efforts.

Smith, who is the chairperson of the environment and climate change committee for the township, spent time with Jürgen asking questions, crediting him for his effort and telling him about ideas he's heard of.

Roberts, who said she met with Jürgen and the young protesters, said the township is working to eliminate single-use water bottles in facilities, has provided staff with refillable water containers and has put forth a plan to purchase four water refill machines, similar to what is available at the high school.

Although Jürgen was disappointed with the lack of other teenagers, he appreciated the children and youth who came, some as young as six.

"I'm very happy about that. It's super great to see little kids coming in or even just seeing that they care enough. It's funny they seem to care more than the teenagers, but you know. I'm really happy to see that they are out here," he said.

He plans to return for three more Fridays and is optimistic more people will come, particularly teens.

"I think a lot more people are going to show up next week and the week after that and hopefully we can build something," he said.



County's municipalities receive \$2.9 million

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott came to Haliburton to announce the province's one-time contribution of \$542,255 to Dysart et al and was met by Mayor Andrea Roberts on Friday, March 22 at the township office. This funding, which is from Municipal Affairs and Housing, is part of the \$2,876,271 total allocated to Haliburton County to "support local service delivery in the province's municipalities," according to a press release from the province. Haliburton County will receive \$725,000, Minden Hills receives \$542,255, Highlands East receives \$534,469 and Algonquin Highlands receives \$532,292. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Rural Rogues stages readings

JENN WATT

Editor

On Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, local thespians came together at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to do staged readings of four plays in progress through Rural Rogues.

Rural Rogues is a group started in 2016 that works on building community capacity to stage locally written plays, using local cast and crew. Plays reflect the culture, history and/or landscape of the Haliburton Highlands.

The plays – “The Pearly Gates” by Oliver Zielke and “This Is Our Home” by Sue Vorvis on Friday, and “The Art Of Immigration” by Fay Martin and “A Woman Has To Be Able To Look After Herself” by Kate Butler on Saturday – told a variety of stories from conflict in the cotagging experience to two women carrying out a murder in the 1930s.

Members of the audience were encouraged to weigh in on the scripts so far, asked to provide feedback on the plot and dialogue and suggestions for setting.

Workshop instructor and director Michael Clipperton said Rural Rogues is holding a director's workshop four Wednesdays in April from 7 to 10 p.m. starting April 3. The workshops end with a performance. Cost to participate is \$100.

This summer, the plays being written now will be performed on the museum grounds in July. And in September, the next playwrights workshop will be held: a six-week commitment where participants write one scene.

For more information, contact Kate Butler at kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.



Paul Vorvis and Amy Brohm act out a scene from Kate Butler's play, "A Woman Has To Be Able To Look After Herself," part of the staged readings for Rural Rogues. Rural Rogues focuses on increasing community capacity to produce its own theatrical stories by offering workshops for new playwrights and directors. In Butler's play, Brohm played Eva Coo and Vorvis played Interrogator 1. Coo was a real person who grew up in Haliburton. She was convicted of murder in New York State and sentenced to death. She was electrocuted in 1935 at Sing Sing Prison. / JENN WATT Staff



Giving to the arts

The Art Squared Haliburton County Committee members Dagmar Boettcher, left, Carole Finn, Deborah Reed, Nancy Gosse, Karena Crofts and Olga Chudnovsky presented the \$3,500 novelty cheque to Haliburton School of Art + Design principal Sandra Dupret on March 19 at the main entrance of Haliburton campus. This donation, which was raised from their Arts Squared fundraiser held at the Finn Artist Centre last year, will fund the newly established Art Squared Bursary, directed to painting and drawing students. Absent for the photo were committee members Denise LeBlanc and Holly Hutchinson. Ninety paintings were submitted to the event. The next event will be held at the Rails End Gallery starting Sept. 27, 28 and 29 and will raise money for the gallery, Boettcher said. /DARREN LUM Staff

Pinestone to honour Murray Fearrey at Community Builders Awards evening

On May 10, Pinestone Resort will honour Murray Fearrey for his 40 years of service to the community as part of the first annual Pinestone Resort Community Builder Awards night. While Fearrey's award will highlight the evening, the event will also recognize the past contributions of various individuals and organizations that have helped to shape and build the Haliburton Highlands community we live in today.

Pinestone general manager John Teljeur said: "We wanted to give the community a chance to recognize people who have given a lot to this community in the past though their names may not be in the headlines now or sadly, may no longer be with us. It's a chance to revisit and learn about our history and recognize valuable contributions."

Nominations for the Community Builder awards will open later in March and the public is encouraged to participate in not only making nominations but also on helping to decide the winners. Nominators will also have a chance to win dinner for two at the gala to share in the

festivities with the person or organization they nominated. Recipients of the Community Builder Award will be notified in advance to give them the chance to share the evening with friends and family as guests of Pinestone Resort. Recipients will also have their plaque displayed at the resort to showcase their contributions.

Candidates for nominations will have demonstrated significant contributions to the Haliburton Highlands from the year that Pinestone was open in 1976 to present day.

Proceeds from the dinner event will be donated to the high school student's bursary program to support future community builders. The resort plans to make this an annual event to continue to highlight achievements of those that made our county what it is today.

The awards program will kick off the first annual Pinestone staff reunion weekend in which a variety of entertainment and fun activities for past employees of the resort will be offered.

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The power of one

WHEN YOU already feel despair about the current trajectory of the plight of the earth due to human's impact, when you've read the research on altered agricultural patterns and rapid acceleration of species loss, when you've seen the images of the impact of severe weather in the form of droughts and wildfires around the world, when you are faced with yet another discouraging headline highlighting today's new record amount of plastic found in a whale's stomach, the idea that you might make a difference feels hopeless.

What does it matter if you remembered your reusable grocery bags when every bit of fresh produce you buy is enclosed in plastic packaging? If you diligently bring your reusable container for coffee, only to have the barista use a disposable cup to pour the coffee from the machine into your mug? If you go plant-based when you're the only person in the room who chooses that meal? If you bypass the straw at a restaurant when crates of plastic water bottles are being scooped up by neighbours for less than a buck down the street?

The act of being just one person trying to make a difference in and for the world can feel inconsequential and isolating.

But HHSS student Jürgen Shantz is just one person. When he decided to join global protests for action against climate change by skipping school last Friday to stand at the Dysart municipal office, he was just one person. But his action galvanized the movement of others, so that about 40 people joined him. With that one action, he drew the attention of Mayor Andrea Roberts, Councillor John Smith, MPP Laurie Scott, the fel-

low youth who stood alongside him, members of the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and was featured by all community media, online, on the radio, in the pages of newspapers.

He was inspired by the action of one person, too – Greta Thunberg, a Swedish student who is 16, like Shantz, and became an internationally-known Nobel Peace Prize-nominated political activist after she started the first school strike for climate change action last August. Her compelling TED Talk has been watched by millions of people and

she has spoken at both the United Nations Climate Change Conference and the World Economic Forum. Inspired herself by the Parkland students who organized March for Our Lives, she has since motivated people in more than 100 countries to act, demanding government officials to take meaningful, bold action to reverse the catastrophic effects of climate change.

Naysayers say that these protests will have no impact on anything at all. But they already have had an impact. The youth who have participated are learning more about political engagement, about environmental politics and about the power of both hope and action, which they can take into their future with them, and adults are learning from them.

"[W]e do need hope, of course we do," Thunberg said in her TED Talk. "But the one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come."

Action matters, even when it starts with just one person.



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Editorial



Golden hour

by Darren Lum

The road less travelled

“WATCH OUT – here comes another one!” shouted Mandy as the car swerved precipitously toward the soft shoulder. Then a bone-rattling thud as the wheels clunked over one more pothole. Driver Kate wondered what her shock-absorbers would make it through this spring.

Spring was coming late this year and all the usual features of the season were in full evidence. Mandy's old basement had a small stream flowing across the floor. Every pair of shoes and boots Kate owned were caked with dirty slush, not to mention what her dog brought in daily. And the snow that remained was sagging and grey as though it had given up on winter's freshness and was just waiting out the month until crocuses started poking through.

While the main highways were mostly bare, the sideroads in this rural corner of Ontario were a mine field of ruts and craters. Even if driven like an obstacle course, it was impossible to miss every crevice and hole no matter a driver's skill. "Soon it will be the mud, sucking everyone and everything in my driveway and backyard into a vortex of goo," Kate muttered as she twisted her wheel from side to side. The journey was going to take longer today because both women kept scanning the road ahead in anticipation of the rough ride before them. Slower meant softer, at least slightly when it came to traversing all the bumps and ridges.

But it wasn't all bad. Mandy felt she needed to speak up on this point because she could see her friend was descending to a dark place. It was a place of no hope, no joy and no blossoms. She pointed out that soon the pussy willows would be abundant and cheery on the kitchen table. Daffodils wouldn't be far behind not to mention all the birdsong filling the air. Kate loosened her grip on the wheel ever-so-slightly. "Keep talking," she urged her friend.

Rhubarb in the backyard. Bees circling the hives. Mallards returning to a newly-thawed pond. Mandy was on a roll now. Windows open to fresh, warm breezes. No more wood smoke and dust on every-

thing. Putting up the hammock.

Kate cracked a smile and agreed there were indeed good things coming. But sometimes it was hard to see them when she focused so much on the muck and rough that she saw all around her. Which was why Mandy was such a good friend. She always managed to find the proverbial half-full glass, the silver lining in Kate's clouds.

Up ahead they both saw a couple of deer making their way toward the centre line and Kate eased off on the gas pedal. Had she been travelling faster, this might have been a different story. As the animals crossed in front of them, both women

noted the still-shaggy winter coats. "Fawns on the way," remarked Kate, noting the heavy sides of some. Mandy wondered if they'd get to see the tiny spotted creatures in their backyard like they did last year.

In a little while their car swept onto the four lane highway that would take them into the city for the weekend. They had a change of clothes in the trunk, something more in tune with the different climate and mind-set of an urban visit. The traffic picked up as they continued to travel south and

before they knew it, there were vehicles in front, behind and beside them. Huge transports threw up a dirty mist as they chugged by and impatient drivers tried to intimidate Kate into picking up her speed. Without success.

After another hour or so they pulled into Mandy's brother's driveway. The asphalt looked hard and greasy not a smudge of mud in sight; the lawn a lumpy brown. A limp and dirty flyer clung to the rose bush struggling for a foothold in the poor soil. The man was not a gardener according to Mandy whose mouth watered at the very thought of all the pleasure that awaited her once their own snow was gone.

As her brother opened the door, he looked down at their winter boots and smiled. "Welcome to civilization," he chuckled.

"That's a matter of opinion," came her reply.

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points of view

Head games

"YOU'RE NOT going to wear that outside, are you?"

"No," I replied. "I just thought I'd wear this wool tuque around the house."

"Oh, thank goodness," she said, oblivious to my sarcasm. A smart man would have left the conversation then and there.

"You don't like my tuque?" I asked.

"No," she said, "it's a nice tuque, but it doesn't fit you right."

"It's too small?" I asked.

"No," she said. "It's a good size but your head is way too big for it."

There it was.

As I rotated my unusually large noggin towards Jenn and listened for tell-tale signs of creaking or imminent structural failure from my overstrained neck, the thought again occurred to me – a smart man would leave the conversation right about now.

"You think my head is too big?"



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Loon Tales

"Just for hats," she said, as if it were no big deal.

But it was. Jenn thought I might be better suited to a 15- or even 20-gallon hat.

"For your information, my hat size is seven and a quarter," I replied.

She then looked at me again and muttered, "Oh, I've offended you. I'm sorry."

"I'm not offended at all," I said as I sulked.

"You shouldn't be," she continued. "From this angle, your head appears very small."

That's when it occurred to me there is no good way to describe a person's head. This also explains why there are no noggin-related compliments.

Think about it. No one in the history of the world has ever walked up to a person and used, "Wow! You've got the type of head that could support a good set of antlers" as a pick-up line – although, ladies, let me just say this would melt the heart of the average outdoorsman.

Conversely, "Wow, I like the way your tiny skull makes your eyes seem bigger" are words that have probably never been uttered prior to this column either.

In fact, the best you can hope for, when someone takes the time to describe your head to you is that they avoid using terms like oblong, Roswellian or unique.

"Don't be offended," Jenn said, "It's not like I used terms like oblong, Roswellian or unique."

The thing about all this is that, deep down, you know it's not true. Most human heads are roughly the same size. If they weren't, headhunters in New Guinea would have record books that would glorify the trophy ones – and I'd think I'd know if they did.

Yet, there is something about another person commenting on the size of your head that causes a level of insecurity that's hard to describe.

That's because you realize, all at once, that your head is what people focus on when they talk or listen to you. And then you come to think, if so-and-so thought my head was too large for my hat or too small to contain a human-sized brain, this person is probably thinking the very same thing too.

Next thing you know, you wish you had distracting cleavage.

That conversation happened last weekend and I guess I'm over it now. Mostly because I looked up the average hat size and found out it was 7 and 1/8 – meaning I'm well within the norm.

I told Jenn as much.

She nodded and said, "Great, but why are you wearing a low cut T-shirt?"



pic of the past

Do you know who this little one is? This photo comes from Gena Robertson's collection of family photos. She doesn't know who the child in the photo is, but the house in the background seems to be the Lucas House on the corner of Maple and Mountain Street in Haliburton.

letters to the editor

Don't miss the climate action incentive

To the Editor,

The federal government's plan to offset the cost of its carbon tax for residents of Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan could be missed by people filing their 2018 taxes. The new Climate Action Incentive (Schedule 14) has been added to the standard tax forms, at line 449, but it doesn't explicitly say the benefit is in place to compensate for the lack of carbon pricing in those provinces.

People are eligible for the credit if they are over the age of 18 — or if under 18, had a spouse or child in the same home — and were a resident of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario or New Brunswick on Dec. 31, 2018.

A family of four can expect a rebate of \$307.

From the CRA website: "New this year is the climate action incentive payment, which is available to eligible residents of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick. Eligible individuals can claim the payment when they file their

2018 income tax and benefit return in early 2019. A 10 per cent supplement is available for residents of small and rural communities in recognition of their increased energy needs and reduced access to clean transportation options. The climate action incentive payment will first reduce any balance owing for the year, and may increase any refund."

Jamie Schmale put a tax guide in our mailboxes, but his "claim everything you qualify for!" guide makes no reference to Schedule 14 and the line item 449.

His Conservative Party is not in favour of this. Provincially, what comes out of Doug Ford's mouth in his attacks on the "carbon tax" certainly doesn't include any mention of the rebate either.

Whose interests are they serving? As one who thinks that climate change and its repercussions are a current and growing threat? Not mine.

Eric Lilius
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HKPR relying on parents to self-report vaccinations

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

On March 15, the *Toronto Star* ran a story about an online vaccination reporting tool being used by the province to track student vaccinations through parent and caregiver input.

The Immunization Connect Ontario, or ICON, tool launched in November 2017 enables the public to self-report immunization for nine vaccine-preventable diseases: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease and varicella (chicken pox) which are required immunizations by students under the Immunization of Pupils Act of 1990 and the Child

Care and Early Years Act of 2014, unless parents and caregivers have signed an exemption form stating a voluntary vaccine delay or refusal based on medical, religious or personal beliefs.

The investigative report details how the former Liberal provincial government created the reporting system so that health-care providers could directly submit vaccination records and updates to public health officials, but without consultation with frontline workers, the system was found to be incompatible with existing electronic records.

The current Progressive Conservative provincial government is replacing that system with Ontario's eHealth currently creating a new online tool to ensure health-care providers will be able to directly report data at some point – as yet to be determined – in the future. The article says the current ICON system being promoted by the province allows for error, making it difficult for public health officials to have accurate vaccination data which can help in the management of disease outbreaks.

Marianne Rock, at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said there is a reconciliation of data that has been entered by parents and caregivers prior to being uploaded to Panorama, an online provincial repository for immunization data.

"So here we have data entry clerks that are very knowledgeable and skilled at the immunization schedule," she said. "If there's any issue they have to call the parent." Parents are inputting informa-

tion and may not always be familiar with the records they're using or the drug names they're looking at.

"So what happens here is we get that information but we still have to go through and sift through it and make sure it's accurate. And what that involves usually is calling the parent or guardian and making sure that what they've put in is the right information."

A feature has recently been added to the ICON system that allows parents and caregivers to take a photo of the immunization record and upload it, according to Rock. Parents and caregivers can also call, fax, mail or email the information directly to the health unit.

Daycares and schools often update the health unit on students immunization records, but Rock stressed it is the responsibility of parents to ensure vaccinations are up to date and records have been reported.

"We don't receive automatic updates from health-care providers so we really depend on parents and guardians to send the information to us," said Rock.

Rock said she "didn't have the numbers in front of her," but that the online system, which she considered user-friendly, was being used. She said, in her own opinion, she didn't think the system was as flawed as the *Star* article portrayed.

"For myself, I manage vaccinate preventable disease, I think the things we have put in place as a practice here at our health unit, and I would speak across the province as well, it's not just a mat-

ter of parents going in and putting perhaps falsified information or information and then perhaps nothing's done with that information, where there's no interaction," she said.

"[T]here's always that risk [of falsifying information], when you're relying on self-reports, no matter what information it is," she said. "But I would say that overall we as a health unit have not seen that. Parents and guardians want to ensure the best for their children, and in that regard, especially with the immunization schedule, it's very complex. And I would say that as a parent myself, I would see it very difficult for someone to falsify that information. I don't see that happening."

In the future, Rock would welcome a system in which health-care providers could automatically report to the health unit on vaccination updates.

"It would be really great if we could have automatic updates from health-care providers," she said. "And hopefully we'll get there some day. But right now we're really just pushing for getting the information out there for parents and guardians for how to report to public health ... We want to make sure that everyone stays healthy in our community and one of those things is vaccinations. The more we work together on that, at the end of the day, the healthier community we have."

To contact the HKPR, call 1-866-888-4577. The ICON system and Ontario's immunization schedule can be accessed at hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca.

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— Marianne Rock



Giving to hospice/palliative care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation received a cheque for \$3,970 for hospice/palliative services in memory of Jennifer (Jen) Casey through Shoppers Drug Mart's "Growing women's health" fundraising campaign, through donations and in-store activities. From left, Peter Oyler, Sharon Wells, Reese Casey, Margot Sampson, Parker Casey, Kiera Casey, Regan Casey, Aimee Mansfield, Pat Casey, Diane Duff, Lisa Tompkins and Breanne Mansfield. /Photo submitted by HHHSF

Head Lake Ice Out contest

While it might not feel like it now, warmer weather is right around the corner. Along with the arrival of spring comes the Haliburton Echo's annual Head Lake Ice Out contest. We're asking everyone to send in their best guess of when precisely the last lump of ice will dissolve into Haliburton's Head Lake.

Send the date and time you think it will happen along with your name and contact number before the end of the day on **Sunday, March 31** in order to qualify. You can send in your guess via email to letters@haliburtonpress.com, by phone at 705-457-1037 or in person to 146 Highland Street (drop it through the letter slot if we're not open). The person whose guess is closest to the time of the ice melt will win a one-year subscription to the Haliburton Echo.

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Final bonspiel signals beginning of spring

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Two signs that winter must be almost over: season-ending events at both the local curling club and the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena were enjoyed greatly last weekend.

A bonspiel with 12 teams of men was

played Friday evening and all day Saturday at the Wilberforce Curling Club. Teams were from Bancroft, Minden, Woodville, Haliburton, and Wilberforce. Winning the 'spiel was the Craig Mintz team that had players from several areas.

In second place was the Williamson team from Bancroft. The Wilberforce Tim Winder team placed third. Congratulations to these teams.

Throughout the bonspiel, players enjoyed refreshments that included tasty meals and snacks. It was a fine gathering to end the curling season here.

Members of the Highlands East Figure Skating Club skated out on the ice at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena last Saturday evening for their end-of-season show. To lively music from the '50s and '60s, skaters from beginners to the more experienced performers entertained a receptive audience. In colourful costumes they used the ice well. They remembered their routines, performing them well in solo, pairs, triples, and larger groups.

Guest skater Ruthie Parker from the Minden Figure Skating Club impressed the audience with two excellent performances. This 17-year-old skater was a fine example for our local youngsters.

Thank you to all who lead the skating club and its supporters. Congratulations to them and to coach Lindsay Draper for a very good year with the young skaters.

Many in the community look forward to a report on Herlihey Park which will be given at the Tuesday, March 26 council meeting of the Municipality of Highlands East. It is scheduled to be given at 1 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.



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Midgets heading into Game 5 on Saturday

The OMHA Midget CC west championship continued with the Highland Storm and the Twin Centre Stars. The Storm team won the first two games. Game 3 was played in Wellesley, Saturday, March 23 and ended in a 3-3 tie.

The Twin Centre Stars came out strong, knowing they cannot lose, being down two games in the series. The Storm worked hard in the first, however gave up a goal during a power play. The Storm stepped it up in the second period and took a 2-1 lead. Both goals resulted from Gilbert's determination. He owned the puck and fought through the Stars' defence, pulling the goalie's attention and then snapped passes to Smith, and Clements, minutes apart. Early in third period, Haedicke took off at centre and manoeuvred nicely into the Stars' end, deked past the defence and backhanded in the next goal.

It was a 3-1 game for the Storm with 10 minutes left. The Stars knew it and increased the intensity, the Storm buckled with penalties and it became a 3-3 game. The overtime was action packed and scoreless. Each team left with a point.

The next day, home ice advantage wasn't enough in this "do or die" game for the Twin Centre Stars and the Storm was hushed 4-1.

Seconds into the first period, the penalties began for the Storm team and continued throughout the game. The Stars took the lead in the first period while on a power play. Then picked up a couple more goals in the second period, this quieted the Haliburton arena.

With less than a minute in the period, Dollo shot a pass to Gilbert for a two-on-one rush. His keen eye saw the opening and he snapped it in, ending the period 3-1.

With the third period ahead, anything is possible. However, the Storm kept their penalty box busy and allowed the Stars another goal and the 4-1 game. This puts the Storm team leading 5-3 in points, heading into Game 5 of the finals.

The Storm Midgets will be travelling to Wellesley for Game 5, March 30 and a possible Game 6 in Haliburton, March 31 - 2 p.m.

By Suzanne Haedicke



Highland Storm Midgets will play Game 5 looking for the win of the OMHA provincial final for Midget CC teams after a home game against the Twin Centre Stars on March 24 resulted in a score of 4-1 for the Stars. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



A crowd came out to the A.J. LaRue arena to cheer on the Highland Storm Midgets in Game 4 of the OMHA provincial final.



HHSS boys junior hockey wins B championship

The Red Hawks boys' junior hockey team won the St. Peters High School Hockey Tournament B Championship by beating TASS 2-1 in the B final on Wednesday, March 20 at Kinsman Park Arena in Peterborough. Hawks forward Joe Boice scored the game-winner in the final. The team lost in the semi-final to Pickering 2-1 after sudden death shootout. From left at back, coach Jason Morissette, Hunter Arnott, Tyson Clements, Alex Little, Ty Mills, Brendan Coumbs, Desi Davies, Joe Boice, Tim Turner, Will Craftchick, Reese Casey, Colin Glecoff and Steve Smith. From left at front, Jake Sisson, Nate Miscio, Dylan Keefer and Benn Robinson. /Submitted by Jason Morissette

National curling title for Minden's Alyssa Denyer

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Laurentian University Voyageurs women's curling program is solidifying itself as a curling powerhouse, having just won its second U Sports Championship title in three years.

Part of this success includes a Highlands' connection, as one of its members is former Red Hawks curler Alyssa Denyer, who has always appreciated the support from the Haliburton Curling Club and the Minden Curling Club, and is proud to call Minden her hometown.

Just like their provincial championship performance, the Voyageurs came through in the clutch again, beating the Brock University Badgers 7-5 in the 10th end at the Willie O'Ree Place in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, March 19.

The Voyageurs skip Kira Brunton had

see TEAM page 12



The Laurentian University Voyageurs women's curling team from left, Kira Brunton, Megan Smith, Alyssa Denyer and Emma Johnson beat the Brock University Badgers 7-5 in the 10th end of the U Sports Championship at the Willie O'Ree Place in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, March 19. The Voyageurs, who include former Red Hawks curler Denyer, won the national title despite finishing the round-robin as the fourth seed. The Voyageurs have won two national titles in three years. Not pictured is Mikaela Cheslock. Photo: Rob Blanchard/Curling Canada.

Boys curling team places fifth in province

The Red Hawks boys curling team placed fifth at OFSAA. The team consists of skip Dustyn McCready DeBruin, Jacob Dobson at vice, Liam Little at second, and Corrin Gervais throwing lead rocks. Coach Darrell Dobson said, "This is a very strong team. In the last two years, they have won Gore Zones Gold (2017), Gore Regionals Gold (2018), and Gore Provincials Fourth (2018), Kawartha Gold (2018, 2019), COSSA Silver (2018), COSSA Gold (2019), and OFSAA Provincial Competition Fifth (2019)."

OFSAA was in North Bay from March 20-23 with games split between the North Bay Granite Club and the nearby Sturgeon Falls Granite Club. Eighteen teams competed in three pools of six. Each team played five games, and the top two from each pool, along with the next best two "wild card" teams, advanced to the play-off round.

The Red Hawks' first game was a 9-0 win over Bishop Reding C.S.S. of Milton. Bishop Reding conceded the game after only four ends. The second game was a 5-3 victory over Bishop Allen Academy of Etobicoke, who conceded after seven ends. In the third game, the Red Hawks defeated this year's Gore Provincial Champions, Fellowes H.S., from Pembroke, who conceded defeat with a score of 9-3. The fourth game was the

Red Hawks' first loss all season, and it came after two extra ends versus Superior Heights C. & V.S. of Sault Ste. Marie, with a score of 7-6. The last round robin game against Glendale High School from Tillsonburg, also went to extra ends and ended with Glendale squeaking out a 6-5 win. The Red Hawks' record was strong enough to make the semifinals on Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m., where they faced North Park C. & V.S. of Brantford, who were undefeated at OFSAA and ranked number one after the round robin. The game came down to the very last shot, a take out for the Red Hawks to win, but it just ticked a guard, and the game went to North Park with a score of 6-3.

The team is coached by Russ Duhaime, Hugh Nichol, and Darrell Dobson. According to Dobson, "Haliburton is an amazing community with so much support for these youth curlers. Our new principal Chris Boulay has been super supportive of the team, and when we travel to competitions and meet and talk with other coaches and parents, it becomes clear that the Haliburton Curling Club probably has the best youth curling program in the province. The club has been amazing with its support. It's been a great season!"

Submitted



The Red Hawks boys curling team from left, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Jacob Dobson, Liam Little, and Corrin Gervais, placed fifth at OFSAA in North Bay last weekend. /Photos submitted



Team got better and better

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to draw to the button for the win and came through, as she has all season.

Denyer revealed the confidence she had in her teammate and what she remembers of the moments that led up to when her skip threw the rock.

With her teammate Emma Johnson, she said, "I knew as sweepers about four rocks ahead of time that we would probably be sweeping an out-turn draw to the four foot on [Brunton's] last. But she had thrown that same perfect draw multiple times that game, and all week, so I had all the confidence in the world that it would be an easy judge and easy sweep to get shot because we had been making those team shots all week," she wrote in an email. "Of course it was exciting and nerve wracking, and lots of hugs and high fives were shared after shaking hands with our opponents."

Denyer describes curling at the nationals was better than she could have ever imagined.

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Of course it was exciting and nerve wracking, and lots of hugs and high-fives were shared ...

— Alyssa Denyer

"Walking into the arena to see the iconic blue carpet around the sheets like you see in the Scottie's and Briar, and [when I saw] the Curling Canada scoreboards, it really made it feel real. From start to finish it felt like each game we played [we] just got better and better. After beating some of the big name teams, like Alberta and Dalhousie, we continued to work together and make more shots and win more games. For my first national and to be able to win it with these girls and representing Laurentian was an unreal experience," she wrote.

The team finished round-robin play at 5-2 and entered the playoffs as the fourth seed.

The Voyageurs routed the round-robin top-seed Dalhousie Tigers 8-2 to earn a berth to the championship final against the Brock Badgers, which was broadcast live on cbcports.ca.

Her parents, Rick and Marilyn, who had made vacation plans for Mexico prior to the championship, stayed up to date with their daughter through texts sent by friend Cynthia Kocot.

"We were sitting on a bus on our way back from a day excursion to Playa Del Carmen. It was very nerve wracking when we received the text that said, 'they have to draw in for the win.' We erupted into applause when we received the final text, 'YIPPEE,'" her father said.

Denyer said she connected with her parents via a video call on the way out to the car, following the medal ceremonies and photos.

"We were able to share the excitement with my family," she wrote.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, April 10th, 2019
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2019-001 – Forbes

- Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a sunroom and attached deck on a property located in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 7 metres (23 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 11.58 metres (38 feet), which is the legal non-complying water setback for the seasonal dwelling.
 - b) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(a) to permit an attached deck to extend into the water setback a maximum of 4.5 metres (15 feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 3 metres (9.843 feet).
 - c) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.19(a)(v) to increase the area of encroachment for an attached deck located within 10 metres of the high water mark to 37 square metres (400 square feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 0 square metres (0 square feet).
- Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 7, Lot 12 and Part Lot 13, Plan 362, Part 1, 19R-9120, in the geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Curry Road – Kashagawigamog Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Greg Stamp*
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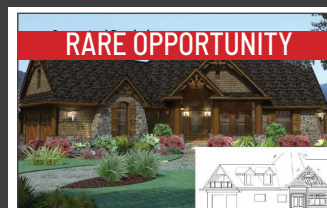


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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Joint

6. A group of countries in special alliance

10. Stone

14. Move with a splashing sound

15. Can be fixed

17. Giving human characteristics to the nonhuman

19. Other side of yang (Chinese)

20. Consume

21. Gave it a go

22. One point north of due east

23. Fat used to make puddings

24. Turfs

26. Not awake

29. Not nice

31. Frighten

32. Political action committee

34. Skin problem

35. Type of music

37. Intestinal pouches

38. Eight

39. Emerald Isle

40. Interpret characters

41. Abandon

43. Felines

45. Energy and enthusiasm
46. Resembles a pouch

47. Relating to sense of smell

49. Swiss river

50. Bradley Int'l Airport

53. _____ yonder

57. Tarred and _____

58. Boyish

59. This (Spanish)

60. Male parent

61. Lounge chair
- CLUES DOWN
1. Sports award

2. Monetary unit of Angola

3. Some animals live here

4. Former CIA

5. Global health group

6. Male given name

7. Opposite of right

8. Open Payment Initiative

9. Desert plants

10. A bird that cannot fly

11. Off-Broadway theater award

12. Lump of clay

13. Barbie's pal

16. Seldom

18. Noses

22. Denotes past

23. Selling at specially reduced prices
24. __ Claus

25. Comes before two

27. Fencing swords

28. Nocturnal rodent

29. Chinese revolutionary

30. Electronic counter-countermeasures

31. Enjoyable

33. Villain

35. Discussed

36. Waterfall (Scottish)

37. Old television part (abbr.)

39. Roughly chipped flint

42. Helps change channels

43. __ Sagan, astronomer

44. Cooling unit

46. Uttered words

47. Small integers

48. Type of data

49. Inspired

50. France's first Jewish PM

51. Famed sci-fi novel

52. Body parts

53. Nigerian City

54. Amount of time

55. Coloring material

56. Type of constrictor snake

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Lenten Lunch
When: April 3
Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church, Minden
Service at noon, followed by soup lunch. By donation

Highlands Little Theatre presents Glorious
When: March 27 through to March 29 at 7:30 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, March 30
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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When: Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Where: Highland Grove Recreation Centre
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Admission by Donation
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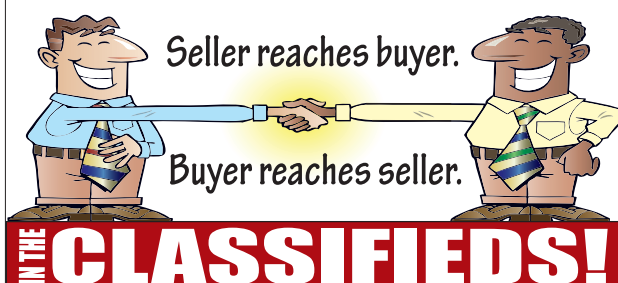
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At Lorna's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. A graveside interment service will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton


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Mrs. Brenda Burgess (nee Robertson)
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Loving wife of David of Field, ON. Cherished Mother of Lorne of Field, ON Carrie (Robert) Nelson of Orillia, ON and Dony of Field, ON. Her memory will be forever cherished by her grandchildren: Joshua, Sarah, Dylan, Emily and Dalton. Brenda is also survived by her twin brother Brian Robertson of Cookstown, ON as well as her extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents Albert and Jean Robertson.

There will be a Celebration of Brenda's life in the spring of 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and would be appreciated by the family.

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Dorset school to close in June '81, parents are told

Following a closed door session, the Haliburton County Board of Education voted last Tuesday to close Dorset public school in June, 1981. The decision came despite strong pressure from Dorset area parents opposed to the move.

According to the resolution passed following the in-camera session, the matter will be reviewed after September 30 this year, when fall enrolment figures are known. If no significant increase in the student population at Dorset occurs (and none is likely), the school will be closed at the end of the year. Students would then be bussed to Irwin Memorial School in Dwight under an arrange-

ment already worked out between the Haliburton and Muskoka Boards.

The resolution angered many of the parents who had put up a sustained fight to keep the school open. But its wording gives them the option of taking their fight to the Muskoka Board. If that board can be convinced to allow students living near Dorset to enrol at Dorset, the increase could satisfy the Haliburton board's demand for a higher pupil teacher ratio and access to special education programs at Dorset.

Approximately 25 Dorset area parents turned up at the meeting of the local board last Tuesday to repeat arguments they had put forth at a public

meeting three weeks earlier.

Chief among these is that the quality of education at the school is high, and that closing it would sound a death knell for growth in the community. As well, the Dorset parents are opposed to the added time students would have to spend on buses to get to Irwin Memorial School. (Estimates vary from 11 minutes to more than half an hour).

The facilities at Irwin Memorial were also called into question by parents. Three portables are already in use at the school, and others would be needed to house the Dorset students. The school is also slated for an eventual \$1.5 million expansion, an amount the Dorset parents feel could be saved if the Dorset school continued to operate.

The board's arguments in favour of the closure are based less on present costs and projected savings than on what it believes are the educational needs of its students. These include special education for students with learning disabilities, a broader curriculum with increased options, and the chance for increased contact with peers.

A particularly thorny issue throughout the closure debate was the matter of special education. Many of the Dorset parents felt the small size of the school and the increased contact between teachers and students was enough to guarantee youngsters would get the help they needed. But director of education, J.D. Hodgson disagreed.

"There are five or six or more students in that school who should be in special education class," he said. "You people think the school is alright, but it's not alright," Hodgson said there are "all kinds of people who



Kotarian Gord Woolsey tell prey to a little interference from Klismen Bob Nichol at the start of a challenge wagon race on ice at the Dysart arena Friday night. The desperation move failed to pay off, however, as team

Rotary won hands down. The race was in aid of minor hockey, and was the climax of an evening of fun that included a variety of challenge races for young and old alike.

Dorset acid rain lab will expand

by Sue Cooper

The Dorset A.P.O.S. (Acid Precipitation in Ontario Study) laboratory will be expanding in the future but the size, cost or location of the expansion is still undetermined, according to Dr. Tom Brydges.

Brydges, supervisor of Limnology and Toxicity department of the Ministry of the Environment, said from his office in Toronto Monday, that the proposed expansion is in its early stages.

Although he could give no cost estimate of the project, Brydges said a "significant amount of money" would be spent.

"We'd like to establish a better facility...reflecting the size of the project." Presently a team of scientists at the Dorset lab are collecting and analyzing data

pertaining to acid rain. But, for the past five years the laboratory has been used to research the Lakeshore Capacity Program which has ended.

"If the first program had ended that group would be sweeping up now," said Brydges, adding that the facilities are just not adequate now.

"The lab facilities are just worn out," he said.

Although a definite site for the expanded lab has not been chosen, it will be in the Dorset area, Brydges said. Brydges commented that the Dorset site was excellent for the ministry's research because of its heavy acid rain impact. It is also typical of most pre-cambrian lake areas and the tourist trade and other businesses are dependent on it.

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Feasibility study underway for local maple syrup plant

Haliburton County's economic development commission will fund 25 percent of a \$10,500 feasibility study for a county based central maple syrup evaporator plant. Balance of the cost will be met by the Ministry of Treasury, Economics, and Intergovernmental Affairs (TEIGA).

Woods Gordon, a Toronto based management consulting firm, will undertake the study, which is expected to take at least two months to complete.

The idea of a central maple syrup evaporator plant first surfaced at a public meeting of the commission last year. Since then, a task force of interested citizens and commissioners has been researching the project. The feasibility study is expected to complement that research by providing information on technical and financial aspects of the proposal.

Hogg said that while the cost of the study might seem high, it is not out of line with rough estimates of three or four hundred thousand dollars for a large evaporator plant or plants.

"If it's feasible, we're looking at a pretty significant operation," Hogg said, "one that would certainly be Ontario's largest and one of the larger operations in Canada."

The advice of technical experts, as well as of experienced local syrup producers, is expected to be sought in preparing the study, Hogg said.

First priority is to establish that there is an adequate supply of maple in the area which could be easily tapped. "We have some criteria established," Hogg said, "within half a mile of a useable road, at least 25 acres of stand, and at least 60 percent maple dominant or co-dominant."

Initial work completed by the commission's task force indicates that three plants handling 20,000 or more taps may be more workable and economical than one large plant to handle all the sap

local stands could provide.

The study is expected to outline methods of organizing and implementing the evaporator plant concept. Combined with projected financing and operating costs, the information should indicate whether one large plant or a number of smaller ones is the best option to pursue.

"That's really the most difficult part," Hogg said. "There are lots of good ideas. It's getting them implemented" that will prove to be the challenge.

Hogg said the project is "a natural for the area," because a number of local people are skilled in syrup production, and because interest is high. But there is no one syrup producing company large enough to finance a locally based project. Two or three smaller plants could draw enough local investors however, if the study shows the idea is feasible.

"I'm hopeful that it would be an entirely Haliburton County operation," Hogg said.

The plant or plants would create a number of seasonal and year round jobs, and could also serve as a major tourist attraction in conjunction with a county wide maple syrup festival, Hogg said.

A spinoff benefit of the project could be better forest management as well, something in which most local politicians are vitally interested.

Results of the study are expected to be made public at a commission meeting within the next two or three months.

Minden committee stymied on bid to purchase house

The Village of Minden may get a new library, museum and art gallery in the near future, but it won't get all three in the same building. That fact was driven home last Wednesday when members of the library/cultural centre committee came to council with a proposal that the Kirkwood house on South Water Street be considered as a site for all three functions.

The idea of purchasing the Kirkwood house and converting it for multiple uses was first presented by committee member Judy Phillips at the group's March 10 meeting. It has since drawn a body of support within the committee. But it has also been condemned as unworkable by other committee members and interested citizens.

Both points of view were brought out at last Wednesday's council meeting. Committee members Ruth Gorrie and Emma Hewitt told council the Kirkwood house could be purchased and converted for substantially less than the cost of a new library/cultural centre complex. According to estimates compiled by Phillips, the Kirkwood house could be acquired, renovated, and operated for the first year for \$132,500. A feasibility study for a new complex prepared by Nicol and Johnston, architects, put the estimated cost of a new building to serve the same purpose at \$178,000.

Besides the possibility of decreased costs, Gorrie told council the house had historical value, and would be a drawing card for tourists. She emphasized that placing all

three functions in the same building would enable the committee to take advantage of Wintario and other grants not available for the construction of a separate library complex.

The apparent advantages of the Kirkwood house may be more than outweighed by the disadvantages however, chief among these is the nature of the house itself.

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Solid waste study is out despite Environment plea

There won't be a study of solid waste management facilities and needs in Haliburton County, despite the fact that the Ministry of the Environment recommended it, and would have met half the approximately \$28,000 cost.

At a meeting of county council in February, the study was rejected 13 votes to 12. Because the proposal was thought to be of major importance for the county, however, council agreed to circumvent its own authority and take the idea back to municipal councils for discussion.

County council agreed to abide by the majority decision of the local councils.

But the move did nothing to change the outcome.

Voting in favour of the study, which would have looked at county wide waste management needs for the next 20 years, were Anson, Hindon and Minden, Dysart et al, Sherborne, Livingstone and McClintock, and Stanhope councils.

Voting against the study were the Improvement District of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan, Lutterworth, Monmouth and Snowdon councils.

Municipal levies reduced

County budget up 7 percent this year

Haliburton County council plans to spend a little over \$50,000 more in 1980 than it spent in 1979. But because of changes in resource equalization grants from the federal government, municipal levies are down for all but one municipality.

Last Wednesday, the county approved a 1980 budget of \$744,711, up \$51,084 or approximately seven percent from last year's \$693,627 budget.

Municipal taxpayers will have to provide only \$574,586.12 of the 1980 budget, however, compared to the \$595,691 they contributed to the 1979 county budget.

There were few surprises in the budget with no significant cutbacks or planned new expenditures in any area of county responsibility. The only project to receive a boost was the Haliburton County Economic Development Commission, which saw its grant from council increase to \$10,000 this year from \$4,000 last year.

The Chamber of Commerce also benefitted slightly this year, as its grant was raised by \$2,000 to \$15,000.

But the budget provides no buffer for contributions to groups and organizations which may look for funding later in the year, a change from previous budgets.

Under general government, expenditures are expected to increase to \$81,500 from last year's \$71,000. Increases in salaries and bank interest charges account for the difference.

Protection to persons and property costs remain unchanged from 1979, at \$2,200.

Transportation services are up in the new budget, to \$388,000 from \$358,000 last year. The money is earmarked for the county roads department.

Health services costs are up only slightly, to \$33,400 from \$31,300 last year.

Expenses under social and family services are down slightly, to \$142,005 from last year's figure of \$142,827.

Under recreation and cultural services, 1980 spending is expected to be \$45,700, up marginally from last year's \$43,600.

Planning and development costs are also up slightly, to \$49,500 from \$44,700 last year. The increase is accounted for by the \$6000

increase in the grant to the economic development commission and the \$2,000 increase in the Chamber of Commerce grant. Some other costs under the heading are down, keeping the total increase for 1980 to slightly less than \$5,000.

Municipal levies are down for every municipality except Dysart et al, whose increase is marginal.

Anson, Hindon and Minden will contribute 18.2 percent of the total levy, or \$104,912.83, down from its 1979 share of \$111,521.54.

The Improvement District of Bicroft's share is \$9,398.57, 2.02 percent of the total, down from \$12,411.18 last year.

Cardiff will contribute \$31,480.35 or 5.81 percent,

County can't force welfare recipients to work: Norton

The Honourable Keith Norton has told Haliburton County councillors in no uncertain terms that they cannot force able-bodied welfare recipients to perform work for senior citizens. But council doesn't intend to take the news lying down.

Instead, they have voted to write a letter to the premier of Ontario complaining about the kind of letters some of his ministers send out.

The information from the minister of community and social services came in reply to a query from council about regulations governing the use of welfare recipients for community service programs.

Welfare has been a perennial thorn in the sides of some councillors, and suggestions about work programs have surfaced a number of times both at the county and municipal levels.

In February, following a presentation from community and social services officials about Home Support and other programs, council voted to press the minister to allow welfare recipients to perform community work while still receiving benefits.

In response to the county query, the minister said there is nothing to stop municipalities from offering work to welfare recipients, but that

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Lianne Scheffee found that spring puts some strength back into your step or into your skipping, depending on how young and energetic you are. Lianne and her friends skipped their way through recess this week.



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